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Request for hearing

Letter dated 21 September 2000 from Richard Cazenave addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

As the Chairman of the Groupe d'Etudes parlementarire sur les droits de l'homme of the French National Assembly, I have had an opportunity to go on a parliamentary visit and meet the Saharan peoples and to receive their testimony on the living conditions of individuals and families who have escaped from Frente POLISARIO camps.

I have thus been able to take full stock of the humanitarian problem. This situation raises an issue for all democratic countries which value human rights, and, as a matter of conscience, I wish to testify on this issue before the Fourth Committee.

(*Signed*) Richard **Cazenave**

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